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Response under 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action of 04/01/03, enclosed herewith is a petition to extend the period for response by three months, that is, until 10/01/03.

Also enclosed is a Notice of Appeal

Permission is requested to amend the present application as indicated below in the section "Amendments to the Claims":